IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Tadahiro OHMI et al.

Title: VACUUM TUBE AND VACUUM TUBE MANUFACTURING

APPARATUS AND METHOD

Appl. No.: 10/594,896

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

[]	Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on						
[]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on $\underline{}$ but not considered.						
[]	Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on						
	<i>→</i>						
[]	Other						
b. Enclosed are:							
[X]	Amendment/Reply.						
[]	Affidavit(s)/Dcclaration(s).						
[]	Information Disclosure Statement.						
[]	Form PTO/SB/08 with copies oflisted reference(s).						
[]	Other.						
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Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For	Extra Prese	Claims ent		Rate		Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):							\$930.00	=	\$930.00
Total Claims:	27	-	36	= 0		x	\$60.00	-	\$0.00
Independents	4	-	5	= 0		х	\$250.00	=	\$0.00
First p	resentation of	of any	/ Multiple I	Ocpendent	Claims:	+	\$450.00	=	\$0.00
					CLAIMS	FEE	TOTAL:	=	\$930.00

[X] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$150.00	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$560.00	\$0.00			
[X]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,270.00	\$1,270.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,980.00	\$0.00			
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,690.00	\$0.00			
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:					
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -						
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL						
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:						
[X]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2	of above):	\$1,100.00			
[]	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R.	§ 1.103(c)	\$0.00			
	TC	TAL FEE:	\$1,100.00			

The above-identified fees of \$1,100.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit eard payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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